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BRADOSOL LOZENGES

safe, even for children

1776 app't at Chambly |  
1777 à St-Louis at H. Scammon  
a green good report for  
diligent work  
Sept at H. George à Bruxelles  
1778 } Surgeons mate at Montreal  
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1780-1 à St-Jean Québec  
1783 letter remonstrating him  
why? at Kingston  
1784 went to Eng. His friends or  
influence  
1785 Appointed to Peace Estab. & Ret.  
to Liverpool & Jul.  
1789 birth from Tk a medium  
1790 Memorial at Quebec &  
Treatment by Medecin et al  
1791 for Dr by Kingston  
1794 replaced by Hennuy & Co to  
Saturday, March 2, 1974  
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1788 De Court changing.  
bitter pepper less

safe; contain no antibiotics

BRADOSOL LOZENGES

1794 resigned & set up in Bath

1795 - Melby Brants remedy

1797 not granted land, as  
not settled

1798 wife given 400 ac

Elizb<sup>th</sup> (Howard<sup>3</sup>) Connors  
at 1410 in 4 Dec 1783

b 1769  
= 5 July 1789 of Oconnor

Friday, March 1, 1974

U. S. L. Rolls Connor  
Descendants

Elijah Connor, alias Howard, son.  
Lived at Howard, R. Yorks  
OC 1798-200

Sons & daughters of U. S. 1817-1846  
Sarah Lightfoot - 1 - townswoman - wife  
of W. E. Lightfoot, son of John  
Connor 9 July 1817

P. L. B. Q

Aaron Connor settled at Indian  
Point  
Children

Perry } on adjoining  
John } farms on Ind. Pt.  
Thomas farms at 'The Rock.'  
Frank lighthouse keeper,  
at 'The Point.'

Allen farmer

CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

Date ..... No. ....

No., Rank and Name .....

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Signature of M.O. ....

To be filed at Medical Inspection Room  
or Military Hospital.

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1795 in am<sup>24</sup> Kemptown

The Governor has been so ill since the 21st of March  
that I have not left his room since that day. He  
has had such a cough that some nights he could not lie  
down, but sat in a chair, total loss of appetite, and such  
headaches that he could not bear any person but me to  
walk across the room or speak to him. There was no  
medical doctor but that of a horse doctor who pretended  
to be an apothecary . . . Capt Brant's sister pre-  
scribed a root — It is, I believe, calamus

1791 James Jr O'Connor b.p. St Georges.

Add to S. & D. M.E.

See my book No. 2.



## HISTORY OF PIONEER CONNOR FAMILY (By Pearl Connor, Howard)

Many stories relating to the prowess of early settlers are proudly told in the history of pioneer days in the various counties and townships of old Ontario.

But so far as I have been able to learn, to North Marysburgh alone, belongs the unique honor of having possessed a man who unarmed, when attacked by a huge black bear, literally beat it to death with his fists.

Aaron Connor was the man who performed this wonderful feat. He owned a large tract of land at Point Pleasant, now known as Indian Point.

He was a remarkably strong man, and was renowned all over the County for his wonderful strength and physical endurance. On one occasion at his wharf, at the Point, he picked up an iron anchor, which weighed upward of seven hundred pounds, and carried it on board a Schooner loading cord wood at the dock. Another instance while running his saw mill at "Waupoos" a large casting was broken which necessitated a long delay for repairs as a casting to take its place had to be ordered outside the County. After considerable long delay, the expected article arrived in "Picton". The roads being blocked and no means of transportation from there was available, "Connor" anxious to get his mill at work again, shouldered the wheel and trudged from "Hallowell" bridge, (Picton) to Waupoos, a distance of nine miles.

As I have stated, Aaron Connor was a very strong man and what would have daunted any other man, never swayed "Connor" in the least.

So to continue, cowardice was not one of his failings. Thus as it was one night as he was returning home from his mill in Waupoos, and crossing an old log bridge which spanned the head of McDonald's Cove, about a quarter of a mile south-west of where the present bridge now spans the Creek, he heard a rustling in the thicket, and the next instant he was confronted by a large black bear.

The bear majestically arose on its hind feet and strove forward.

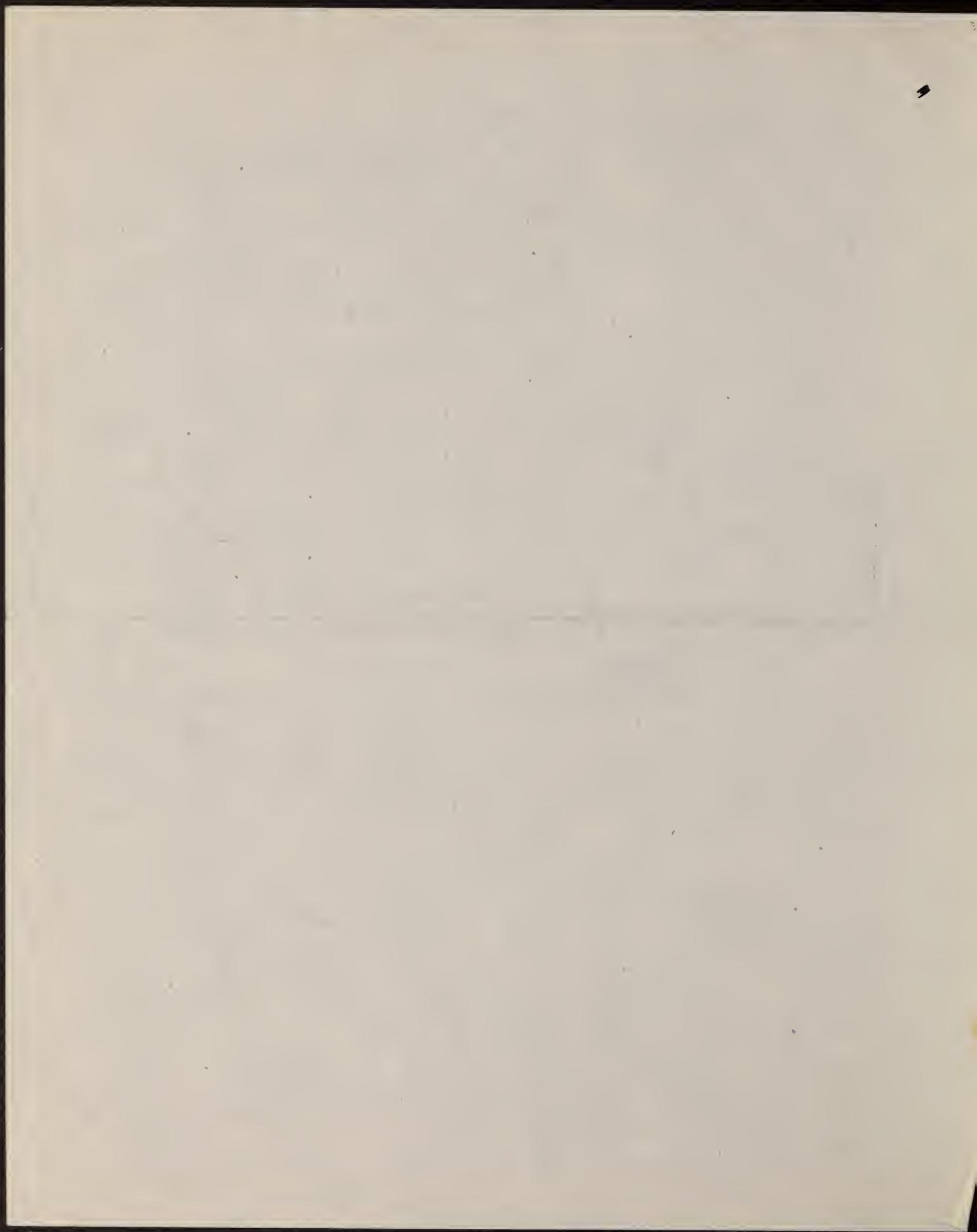
But "Connor" met the challenge with his fists, and a battle ensued. However 'The Old Hero' succeeded in finally knocking the bear down, and followed up with the advantage gained, by jumping upon the big beast and pounding its head with his fists, and he supposed it was dead. Shouldering the beast, he proceeded on his journey homeward to the Point which was two miles distant.

But the bear wasn't dead, it revived and began clawing its captor. Aaron threw him on the ground and applied another beating.

This treatment was repeated several times, as the neighbors could see the bloody stampede in the snow next morning.

Arriving at his log cabin house in the early hours of dawn, The Old Chieftain threw it down on the ground floor of his cabin, and sat down to rest before the fireplace with his family looking on in wonder.

But the animal still clung to life, and once more made a



desperate fight for life and liberty.

This time its head was severly beaten on the stone hearth, and it breathed its last. Bear steak was a much prized luxury in those days, and the grand Old Man and his family relished the black bear steak served to them piping hot.

Aaron Connor was born in the Southern States near the Susquehanna River in 1776. His brother John was also born in the same place.

Their father, John O. Connor, and his wife set sail one eventful day from "Ireland" with the "Royal Irish Greens", and landed with his regiment in time to take part in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

John O. Connor belonged to the Old O. Connor Family of Connaughts of Ireland.

Back of him when he embarked for The New World were memories of long years of strife for precedence among the five great tribes of the "Green Isles" he called home.

Back of him were the memories of decayed strength and grandeure of his Family.

John's father, Roderick O. Connor, King of the Connaughts, whose yellow Banner emblazoned with dead serpents, and Rod of Moses triumphed in many a battle and had been trailed in the dust.

Back of him were memories of of the "Bloody Hand"; and Old Thurlough O. Connor, the last of the Kings of Independence, mouldering and crumbling away with the Abbeys and strange old Towers his family had built.

Gone were the monasteries they had established. Heart aches and ruins surrounded his home and homelands.

Aaron and his brother John were very small boys when their Father and Mother embarked to Canada; following some of their comrades-in-arms, and journeyed overland to Prince Edward County, bringing with them a horse called Carryall. In a basket on his back rode the two small boys, Aaron and John.

Reaching Prince Edward County, they located on what has been known as the Burley estate for many years on the Lake side below The Rock, in North Marysburgh, which was granted by order of council to John O. Connor.

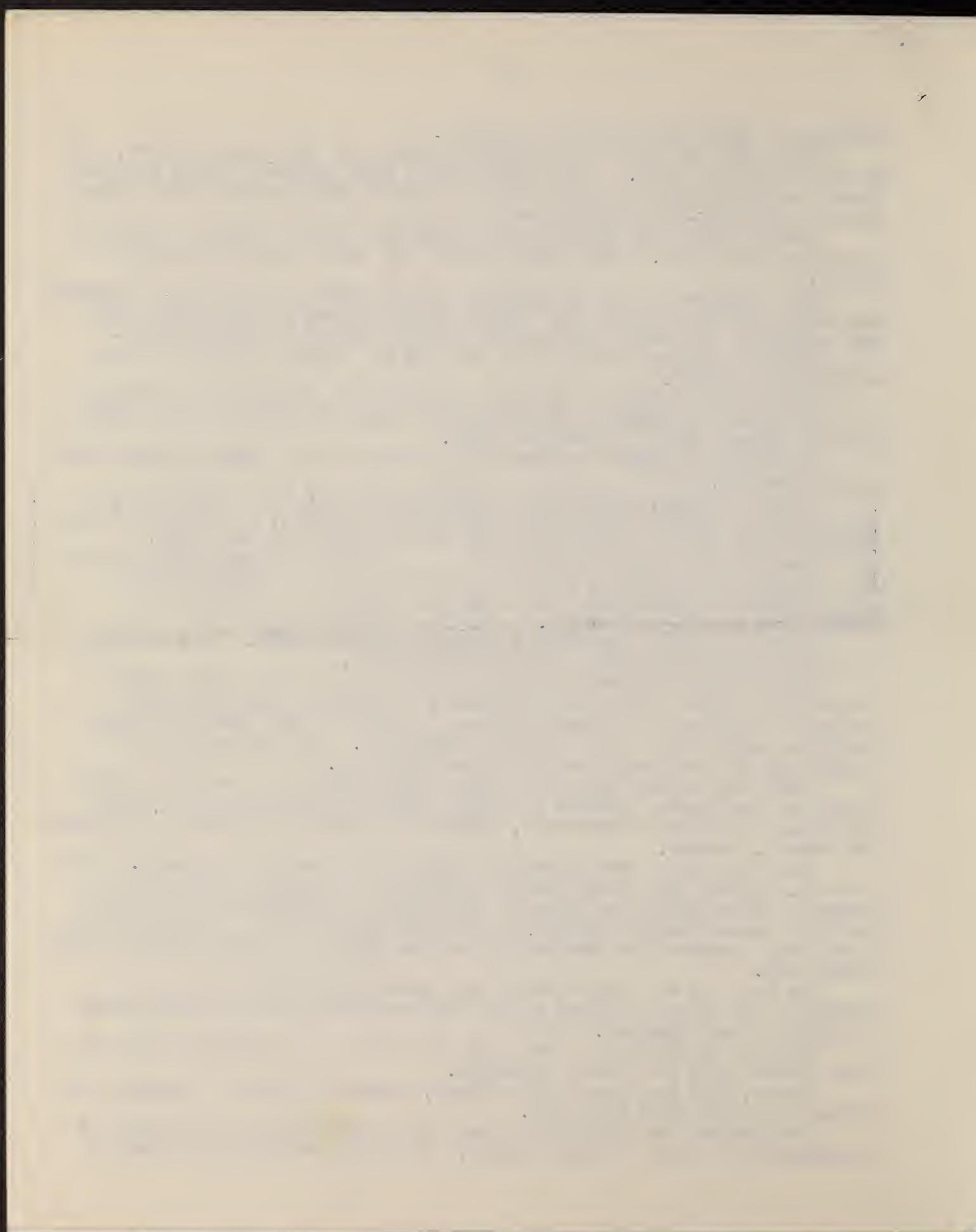
Just how long they remained there, I am unable to learn. But John O. Connor, on journeying to Montreal to order supplies was drowned while making an attempt to cross the Gananoque River, and having a considerable amount of gold on his person, is supposed to have been anchored to the bottom of the river, as his body was never recovered.

As near as was known where the accident occured his horse Carryall was found grazing along the riverbank several days after his master was missing.

His grief-stricken widow left the farm and journeyed back to the States with her seven children.

Aaron, who had grown to manhood, returned again to Canada and dropped the "O" from his name.

He married Ann Lloyd and settled in Glenburnie and purchased considerable tracts of land there. How long he remained there I



am unable to learn, before he again journeyed westward to Prince Edward County of which he purchased a Crown Land grant on August 1st from Alexander Aitken of Kingston in 1797.

On another occasion I can remember being told while a schooner was being loaded with cord wood at his dock, was a parrot on board which kept annoying his team so they would not stand. He asked where to put it inside or he would ring its neck. a big, burley Frenchman said if there was any neck wringing he was ready for the job.

Aaron invited him out on the dock and told him he would be delighted to accomodate the crew.

When he had finished the man he led him up to his house, and told his wife to wash up the man and give him a clean shirt.

Four children were born from his marriage, Thomas Lloyd Connor, my grandfather, and three daughters-Sarah Harrison, Mary Ann Welbanks, and who was killed while knitting at the window in a storm.

His son married Mary Gordon, from which five boys and five girls were born. Boys were-Thomas Lloyd, John Andrew, Perry Aaron, William Franklin and Allan Coleman.

Girls were Lucinda, Josephine, Adolia, Mary Jane, Isabell.

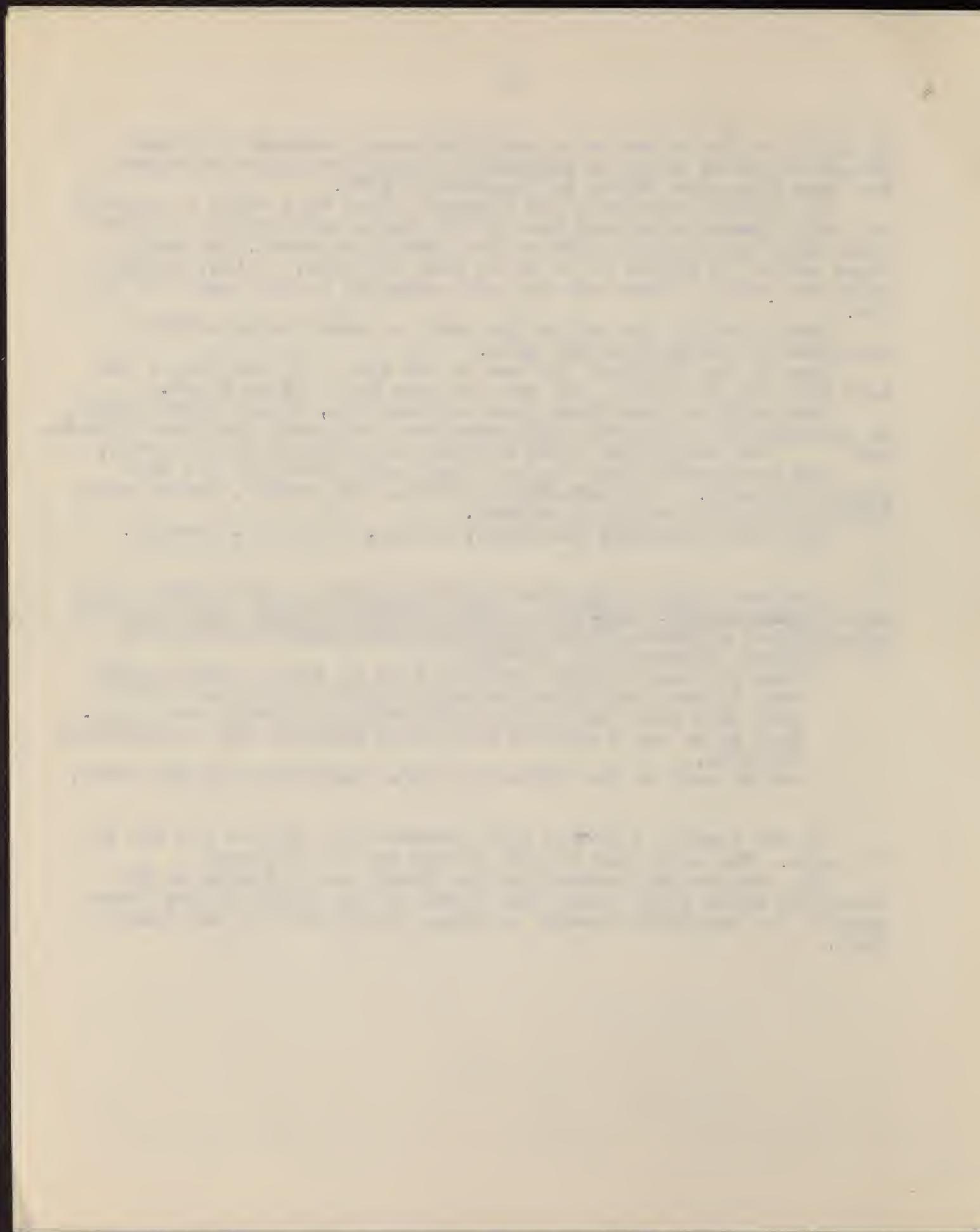
The last will and testament of this great man has lately come into my possession. And to me after considering his great physical strength and ambition, I find something exceedingly pathetic in the following statement it contains:

Know all men by these present, that I, Aaron Connor, being weak in body but strong in mind do make feeble and declare this last will and testament in manner following — — — . That is to say I give my body to be decently and respectfully interred.

and my soul to the "Giver of All", Confederate in His Mercy.

He was born in 1776 and died November 21, 1859 at the age of 83 years. His wife died in 1864 at the age of 78 years.

His remains with several of his family was interred on the Graveyard Hill; years later were taken up and buried in the Connor plot in the beautiful Cemetery at Cressy where most of his family rest.



## U. C. Land Book 1

Conner

20 Dec 1810

Catherine Howe, Township of Kingston, wife of Peter Howe & daughter of John Conner of Marysburgh

## U. C. Land Book 1.

11 Oct 1810

Catherine <sup>her</sup> Conner, daug. of the late John Conner of the Township of Marysburgh, <sup>make</sup> & wife of Peter Howe of the Township of Kingston

## Sons &amp; Daughters of U. E.

John Conner, of Kingston, wife Sarah; drowned about 1795; his widow mar. 2nd David Hogan, of the Town of Kingston.

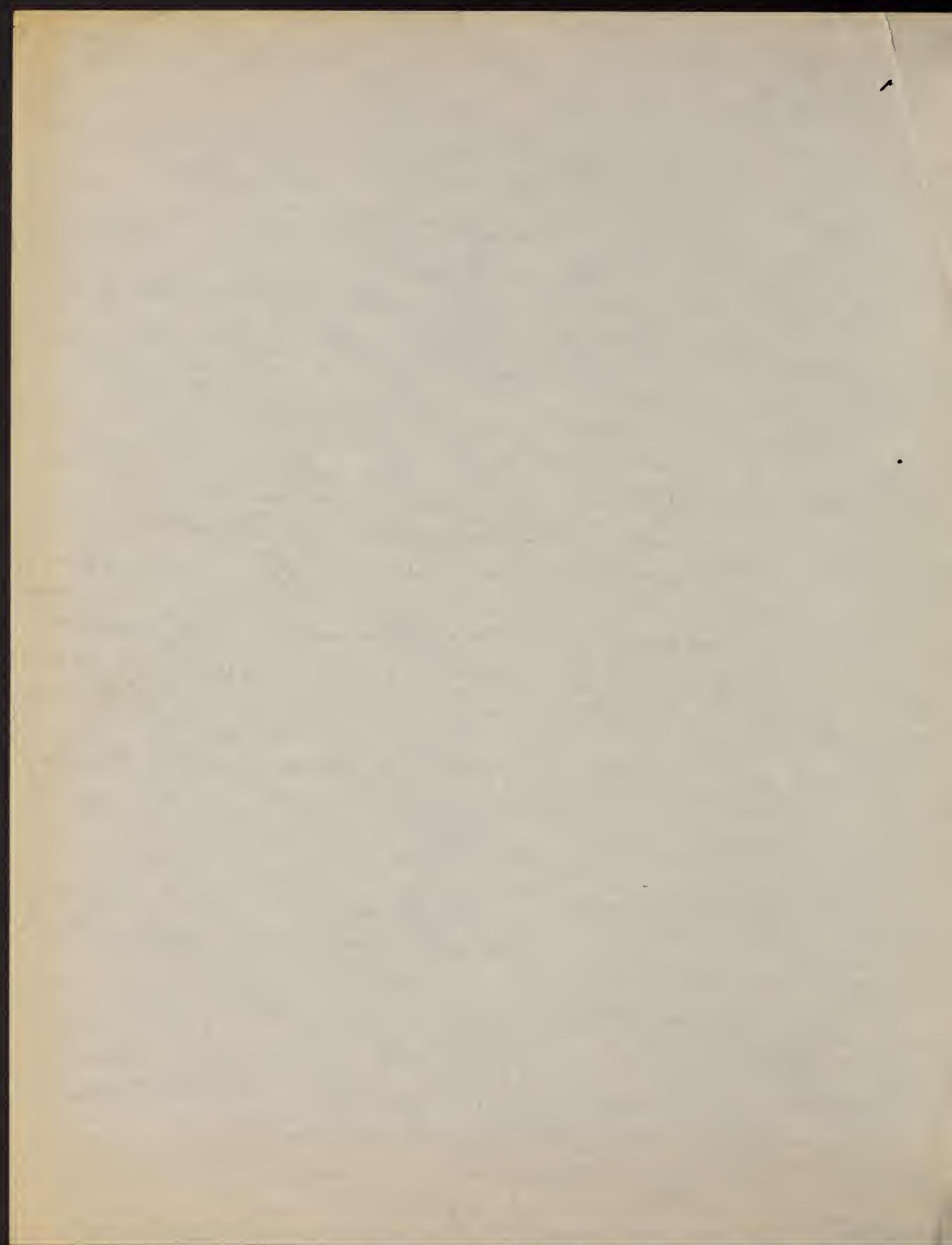
Sarah, wife of Thos. Stickney, of Marysburgh	05.17.3.1807
Aaron, of Marysburgh	16.2.1810
Catherine, wife of Peter Howe, of Kingston	20.11.1812
Bridget, wife of John Waggoner, of Kingston	0.C.21.7.1812 see 0.C.7.8.1834
John, of Marysburgh	4.11.1818
David, do	0.C.26.5.1836 & do
Sarah, wife of Wm Lighthall, of the Town of Kingston	20.5.1817

## Land Reward Books

1931

18 Nov 1797 James Conner. Praying for lands as a hospital mate. The royal bounty is confined to those who actually settled in the province

12 July 1798 Eliza Conner. Praying for lands being the daughter of a U. E. Loyalist and subaltern. Mr. Robinson assuring that petitioner is what she states herself recommended for 200 acres as a U. E. Loyalist and 200 acres more under new regulations.



Conner

Conner, John = Sarah → Aaron<sup>5</sup> bp 9.21.1788 wls<sup>1</sup> 9.10.1811, 9.10.1811  
Sarah<sup>3</sup> bp 1.10.1790 wls<sup>1</sup> 9.10.1811  
= 'W Sighthall' 9.10.1811  
Bridget<sup>5</sup> bp 2.19.1792 wls  
David<sup>5</sup> bp 2.17.1793 wls<sup>1</sup> 9.10.1811, 9.10.1811  
= 'Jane Waggoner' 5.28.1812

U.E. List Supp.

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James	Surgeon (Hospital mate)
John	Volunteer Queen's Rangers
Thomas	Soldier Loyal Rangers.
Michael	do

Key Claims - nil  
" " Supp.  
Michael Ballotown

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P.B.Q

Aaron p.249

L.B.O.

Eliza 7.12.98 Praying for her being the daug. of U.E. +  
subaltern. Mr. Robinson assuring that petitioner  
is what she states herself, rec. for 200 ac  
as U.E., + 200 ac. more under new regulations

McDowell Register

Thomas Stickney & Sarah Conner, both of Marysburgh 25 Dec 1804

Baptisms

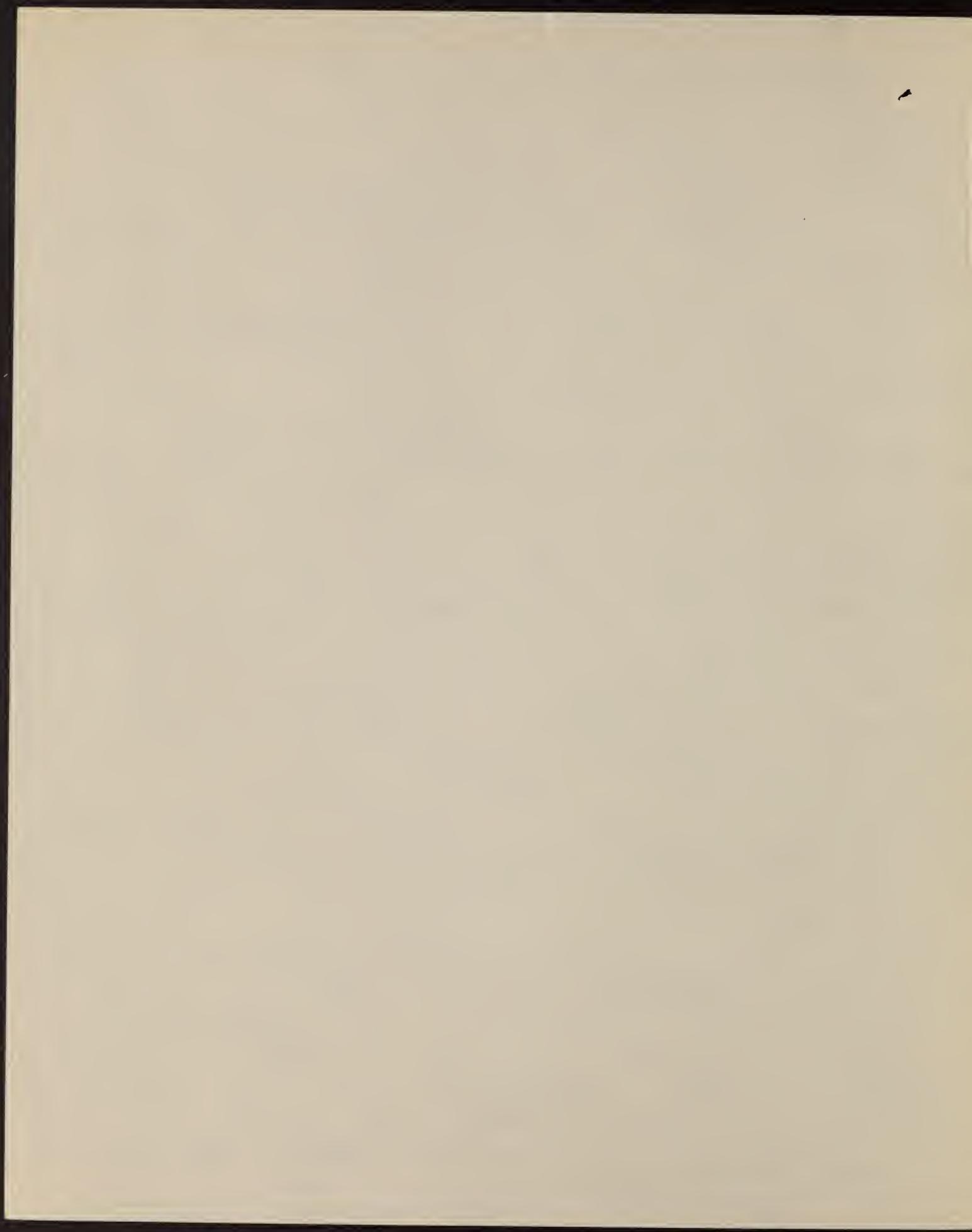
Fredericksburgh

James Conner, Elizabeth Bush → Timothy 8. 16 Aug 1800

Haldeman Papers

Return of Officers of H.M. Hospital 8 Aug 1778 + Mar 23 1779  
(Nov 1776)

James Connor supernumerary Mate at Montreal



## The Medical Profession in Upper Canada

### Biographical Sketches

#### Dr. James Connor.

The first record found of Dr. Connor is a letter (now in the Archives Department, at Ottawa), dated 1783, from the Adjutant-General to the commandant of the garrison, which says that "Dr. Connor may be reinstated." The following gives further information about him:

"Kingston, October 14, 1789

"In consequence of a requisition I have had from Mr. Connor, Master of the General Hospital, attending the sick belonging to Marine and Army departments, I have the honour of sending you the enclosed list of medicines, and request you will take the trouble of having them sent immediately

"(Signed) James Bunting

Capt. 5th Regt, Command, Kingston.

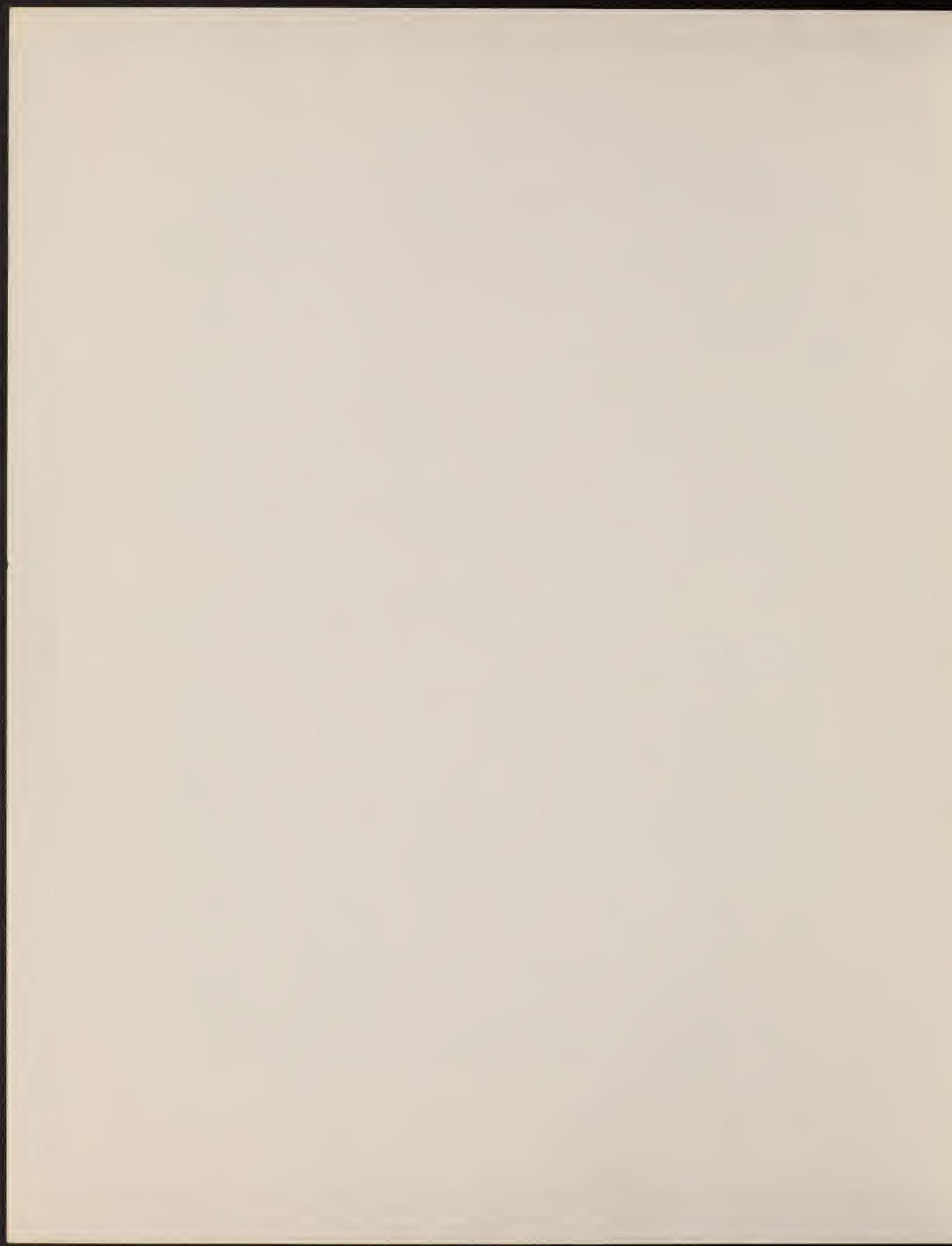
To Capt. LeMire, Quebec."

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#### Mrs. Simcoe's Diary

1795

Apr. 24 The Gov. has been so ill since the 21st of March that I have not left his Room since that day. He has had such a cough that some nights he could not lie down but sat up close, total loss of appetite & such headaches that he could not bear any person but me to walk across the Room or speak aloud. There was no medical advice but that of a Horse Doctor who pretends to be an apothecary. .... Capt. Bent's sister prescribed a Root — I believe it like calamus — which readily relieved his Cough in a very short time.



rumour from the neck of one of the family of Robins, from the Fourth Town, now Adelphiestown. After practising for a number of years along the Bay, Dr. Conner returned to Ireland, his native place."

The ~~the~~ same sketch contains an account of a thrilling incident in the history of Bath, and also gives us a closer look at the man who was Dr. James Conner. Here it is:

He (Connor) had the reputation of being somewhat  
unsteady in his habits. His name is associated with a  
somewhat stirring incident in connection with the judicial  
functions of Judge Cartwright. In 1783, Upper Canada was  
divided in four districts, to each of which a judge was  
appointed. To the second district, Mecklenburgh, Reed and  
Cartwright was appointed. From a letter in the writer's possession,  
it is learned that the court was opened in December, 1785. It  
probably sat at Finkle's Tavern, Ernestown (late known as  
Bath). Among the cases Judge Cartwright was called upon to  
deal with, was that of a man charged with stealing a watch.  
The article was found upon the man, and although he declared  
he had bought it of a pedlar, yet, as he could not prove such,  
to be the case, the pedlar not being at hand, he was adjudged  
guilty of the crime, and, according to the code at that time,  
was sentenced to be hanged. Dr Connor, who was present at  
the trial, stood up in court and appealed against the decision  
of the judge, but those present hissed him down. The unfor-  
tunate man was duly executed, and was the first person in Upper  
Canada to be hanged. Subsequently, the pedlar returned and  
corroborated the dying words of the unfortunate man."

At least the first physician of Bath could hold his head  
high, when the truth became known, and likely <sup>said</sup> with pride,  
"I told you so!" "You wouldn't listen to me" 983

